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TO A NETWORK HUB

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant agrees with the Reasons for Allowance (accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated May 3, 2007) that the GolfAgent website and the other prior art of record fail to disclose or fairly suggest any step of “generating a single web page listing multiple tee times available at a plurality of golf courses for reservation by golfers, the multiple tee times indicated as available for each golf course for a date being a subset of all of the tee times at the golf course for the date” as recited in Claim 61, and that Claims 61-67 are patentable for at least this reason.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Reasons for Allowance in its characterizations of the GolfAgent website retrieved from the Internet Archive Wayback machine (“the GolfAgent website”), which go beyond its actual disclosure. The GolfAgent website is itself the best evidence for what it discloses.

Specifically, there is no evidence that the GolfAgent website disclosed:

(1) a hub server;

- (2) receiving a request including a date on which the golfer desires to play but did not require the golfer to specify the golfer's desired time of play in order to generate a list of available tee times;
- (3) generating a single web page listing multiple tee times available at a single golf course for reservation by golfers, wherein if the request designated a specific geographic region, the single web page generated to list available tee times for one golf course in the specific geographic region, the multiple tee times indicated as available for the one golf course for a date being a subset of all of the tee times at the golf course for the date;
- (4) receiving specific tee times posted by a plurality of golf course user's computers located remotely from the hub server and the golfer computer;
- (5) storing available tee times in a database;
- (6) retrieving available tee times from the database for use in generating a single web page;
- (7) receiving a reservation for a selected golf course and tee time from the user computer via a communication network;
- (8) storing the reservation in a database;
- (9) transmitting the reservation to the computer of the selected golf course via the communication network, wherein the listing of the multiple available tee times are next-day tee times for respective golf courses;
- (10) in response to a request, generating a single web page listing multiple tee times indicated as available for the one golf course for a date being a subset of all of the tee times at the golf course for the data.

These statements regarding the GolfAgent website are unsupported by its actual disclosure,

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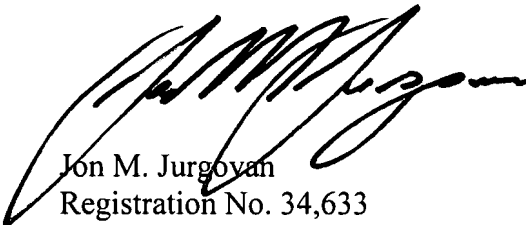
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which actually provides very limited information on its structure and operation (if it was ever operative). Thus, Applicant does not agree with at least the above characterizations regarding the GolfAgent website's disclosure in the Reasons for Allowance.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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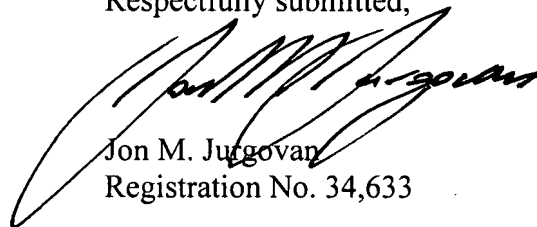
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SUBMITTAL OF DRAWINGS UNDER
37 CFR § 1.85(c)

Attached are replacement sheets for FIGS. 1 - 4D (6 sheets). Kindly enter these replacement sheets in substitution of the previously filed of new drawings. It is requested that these new drawings be substituted for the originally filed drawings.

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